

Eco-Community Dialogues Newsletter

Nancy Nelson, Editor

Vol. 8 No. 3

Friday, February 21, 2014

The Conservation Pledge

I pledge to protect and preserve the natural resources of the planet Earth, and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, land, forest, and wildlife.

Stop Fast Track

Calling CONGRESS is made easy. Visit <http://www.StopFastTrack.com> and type in your phone number. You will be called back and connected to your elected representatives.

Calling All Youths

Do you want to be an activist asks McKenna Pope, a Millennial pace setter. When Miss Pope was 13 years young, her brother liked to cook, so she petitioned the Hasbro company to market its "Easy-Bake Oven" to boys as well as girls, and to make the oven available in gender-neutral colors. Her <http://www.Ted.com> Ted video talk posted in January 2014, as part of Ted Youth 2013. She recommends other millennial youths also create petitions on <http://www.change.org> to share across all Social Networks.

Fish Need Your Help

The Future is yours, so seize the day to speak your Millennial Voice. Gaia is your EARTH and you have something beautiful to birth. One could start an Eco-Justice book group because somebody has to, so it might as well be you.

Mercury warnings are serious according to the OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, regarding seriously high contamination levels of mercury in fish from *Emigrant Lake*, near Ashland, OREGON. What if you actually created a petition on change, to share across all Social Networks. For starters, you could read *Killer Fish*, authored by Dr. Brian Clement. The book shows how eating aquatic life endangers health. To order, call 877.582.5850.

The EPA Investigation of Salem, OREGON

Multiple cancer cases in west Salem, OREGON, in several young people, is out of the ordinary, so residents in the area petitioned the federal ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA). Thanks to the petition, the EPA is investigating possible environmental causes.

West Salem High School student Lisa Harder, aged 17-years young, died of OSTEOSARCOMA bone cancer last Autumn and at least four other West Salem youths were also diagnosed with the same.

What's it going to take for the Millennial children to have a future and a hope. There are no excuses for stealing young lives.

(January 27, 2014, THE MAIL TRIBUNE, "News Briefs, Residents wait for EPA study tied to youths' cancer cases")

.....

February 21, 2014

Page 2

DuPont Chemical Company

DUPONT sells a range of *Genetically Modified Organisms* that are *Genetically Engineered* seeds, through its *Pioneer* division. The giant chemicals company is located at *Wilmington, DELEWARE*, with \$7.75 billion in net sales. It's agricultural products revenue was \$1.8 billion. DUPONT claims its agricultural segment is the chemical company's largest revenue source.

According to DUPONT *Chief Executive, Ellen Kullman*, the company jumped the gun this year by directly shipping its seed to farmers in NORTH AMERICA, earlier than farmers start to purchase products for their next growing season. Besides beating NORTH AMERICAN growers to the punch, *Kullman* boasts that DUPONT's corn seed and insecticide sales are brisk in BRAZIL and LATIN AMERICA. As the year unfolds, sales of sprays to kill insects and weeds depends on seasonal factors and weather.

(Source: January 29, 2014, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "Agricultural Business Boosts DuPont" by Jacob Bunge and Ben Rubin)

Students Can Do Something

Southern Oregon University students are setting the pace in asking ALBERTSONS, KROGER, and SAFEWAY to join WHOLE FOODS in pledging to put GMO labels on their store brands. For more information visit OSPIRGstudents.org. Students all across AMERICA can pitch their eco-justice voice in asking Store Managers to "Put a Label on It".

Put A LABEL ON IT

Dear Store Manager,

As a customer, I want to know what's in my food. Please improve my shopping experience and support my right to know by committing to labeling GMO foods.

Signed, _____

LABEL

Dear Market of Choice,

GMOs

Please require GMO labeling all products in your store by 2020.

Few issues are more profound than the food we eat. Unfortunately, right now we have no way of knowing if our food contains genetically modified ingredients. As a consumer, I am concerned because there have been no long-term studies on the environmental and health impacts of GMOs, and I want the ability to decide for myself whether or not to buy products containing these ingredients. Please give me a choice by requiring GMO labeling on your shelves By 2020. I shop at your market.

OSPIRG
www.ospirgstudents.org

Sincerely,

Print name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Moms All Across America

When the state won't allow prohibition of GMO/GE agrochemical crops, Man has crossed the line. The agrochemical oligarchy rakes in billions by selling biological pesticide seed contracts to farmers. Local governments may have to fight the state in court for that authority until the law allows GMO/GE bans in AMERICA because corporations profit from the seeds they have sown, forcing Nature against her will. We now are also seeing changes in the fish and in the forest trees. We have come to this place to denounce this disgrace. Cancer is growing rampant in the HEARTLAND while people have pain against their will. We have the courage to expose the evil show. It's essentially a criminal enterprise poisoning and threatening existence. Some people will do anything for money. But some people won't. It damages the ecosphere. EARTH is that Great Mother of us all. Hear the voice of *Liberty*, AMERICA's Mother.

Moms and university students are fighting the Corporate authority because this time called Now is pivotal for fighting for food freedom. Please visit MomsAcrossAmerica.com/blog, righttoknow-gmo.org, and responsibletechnology.org. If you haven't yet viewed the film, Genetic Roulette, it's never too late. It's only too late if you never begin to watch the educational documentaries.

Genetically Modified Organisms in *Genetically Engineered* canola, corn, soy, and sugar can't be washed off. To avoid GMO/GE food, choose U.S.D.A. CERTIFIED ORGANIC, and the over 600 brands and 10,000 products that carry the NON-GMO PROJECT VERIFIED logo labels.

One might, you know, eat food brands already approved by the MOMS ACROSS AMERICA consumers, including *Applegate Farms*, *Amy's Organic Soups*, *Annie's Gluten Free Bunnies*, *Boom Chika Pop*, *Dr. Bronner's*, *Cadia*, *Clif Bar*, *Coconut Bliss*, *Earthbound Organics*, *Eden Foods*, *Frey Vineyards*, *Good Earth Natural Foods*, *Lundberg Farms*, *Late July Snacks*, *Mary's Gone Crackers*, *Nature's Path*, *Neal's Yard Remedies'* NYR Organic products, *New Chapter Organics*, *OrganicVille*, *Organic Valley*, *Nutiva*, *Nature's Path*, *Pacific*, and *Udi's*.

For more information see <http://www.banGMfood.org> and <http://www.gmofreejacksoncounty.org> and if you are a registered voter in *Jackson County*, OREGON, vote YES on the FAMILY FARMS MEASURE 15-119 to protect the 150 local family farms that need your loyalty.

Course Correction

You might want to visit <http://www.BrianSwimme.org> and get familiar with his integral studies called, THE POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE. If you haven't yet heard of the rebuttal powers of the Universe to refute Man's Industrial society, one could learn of past cataclysm. During the *Permian Extinction* 250 million years ago, EARTH lost 96 percent of all marine species and 70 percent of all land species. Until the 20th century great thinkers had NOT known of the kill.

One of *Brian Swimme's* discourses suggests the Universe's power to destroy has commenced on EARTH in our time, since we're experiencing amplified weather patterns. The theorem is that Man has to move beyond the Big Mistake of industrializing society to the place where a consumer culture is at odds with the "*Gaian Principle*" as set forth by *James Lovelock's* scientific theories regarding the living ecosystem. The WHOLE EARTH concept is comprised of all of its interrelated parts. Since society has developed a dysfunctional relationship with EARTH, the one question to ask is, "*What will make it through the cataclysm?*".

Man must turn, turn, turn in course corrections. Exploitation of all natural resources spells trouble. If *Dr. Swimme* is correct, then we have are entering a modern time of cataclysm. The *National Weather Service* identifies the fierce ice adversity paralyzing AMERICA as "*Catastrophic*", "*Historical proportions*", and "*Near-apocalyptic*". The Ice and strong winds devastated the SOUTH and SOUTHEAST, hitting TEXAS, the CAROLINAS, GEORGIA, WASHINGTON DC, NEW YORK, NEW ENGLAND, the EASTERN SEABOARD, the MID-ATLANTIC, and the NORTHEAST.

February 21, 2014

Page 4

Meanwhile more than half of CALIFORNIA is classified as being in a state of extreme drought, according to the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA). In fact the USDA has declared 11 agricultural disaster prone areas in ARKANSAS, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, HAWAII, IDAHO, KANSAS, NEVADA, NEW MEXICO, OKLAHOMA, TEXAS, and UTAH.

The droughts in CALIFORNIA and TEXAS have ranchers sending their cattle to more lush ranges and feedlots in the Corn Belt. The snowpack in CALIFORNIA is just a tithe of normal levels, explains *Citigroup*. The drought affects AMERICA's hydroelectric generation because about half of the nation's capacity comes from CALIFORNIA, IDAHO, MONTANA, OREGON, and WASHINGTON, with TEXAS being AMERICA's largest electricity market and CALIFORNIA the second largest electricity market.

When snow melt is so low that rivers run dry, what shall happen to the electricity grids. Merchant generators can help fill the electricity gap left by low hydropower, but stricken states issue alerts calling on electricity users to conserve demand.

Barclays explains that low water supply means gas demand in CALIFORNIA and the PACIFIC NORTHWEST increases about 71 billion cubic feet daily. That's why gas entering SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA has tripled in price. It's a national dilemma that gas is needed for heat by the rest of the nation paralyzed by icy freeze.

Yet the Sun Belt's capacity for solar power is immense. Witness the \$2.2 billion solar power plant in *Primm*, NEVADA. The IVANPAH SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM's five square-miles of solar energy located along the CALIFORNIA-NEVADA border, is the EARTH's largest solar energy plant. IVANPAH's 350,000 mirrors are each the size of a garage door, to gather the sun's energy to power electricity for 140,000 homes.

Curbing greenhouse gas emissions fosters cleaner energy innovation. According to *U.S. Energy Secretary, Earnest Moniz*, AMERICA is becoming a world leader in solar energy. Should you wish to divest of fossil fuel companies, see <http://www.gofossilfree.org> and <http://www.350.org>.

(Sources: February 13, LOS ANGELES TIMES, "*Fierce ice Storm paralyzes the South*" by Michael Muskal; February 14, 2014, "*World's largest solar plant opens in Nevada*"; February 18, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "*California Power Market Gets Freeze-Dried*" Financial Analysis & Commentary, heart@wsj.com)

Explosive "Dust Fires"

Explosions caused by the storage of products has become an increasing concern and focus for federal safety regulators because ignition led to 146 fatalities and 861 injuries in 466 accidents between 1980 and 2011. The data was compiled by OSHA, a part of the DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

Did you know OSHA had already fined the INTERNATIONAL NUTRITION MANUFACTURERS \$19,600 for violations found during inspection a year before the company's animal feed plant had a serious explosion. The fire killed two people and injured others. Who profits from these products that explode. Does a settlement of \$10,430 raise the dead.

(Sources: January 21, 2014, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "*Deadly blast at Omaha Plant*" by Douglas Balkin and Alexandra Berzon; January 21, 2014, DAILY TIDINGS, "*Omaha Animal Feed Plant Blast Kills 2*"; January 22, 2014 THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "*Sequence in Omaha Blast is Key to Determining Cause*" by Caroline Porter, Alexandra Berzon, and Douglas Belkin)

Royal Caribbean Cruises

The U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION investigated a recent outbreak of illness that sickened 300 passengers and 22 crew members aboard a *Royal Caribbean Cruise* ship called *Explorer of the Seas*. According to Preventive Medicine Professor William Schaffner, at VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY's School of Medicine, cruise ships are quasi-test tubes for the highly contagious gastrointestinal NOROVIRUS that is extraordinarily transmissible.

(Source: January 27, 2014, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "CDC Probe Focuses on Cruise Ship Outbreak" by Eliot Brown)

Electrostatics and You

Since there may be a free supply of electrons from the ground you walk on, will your book club read *Earthing* now, or later. The book is available in 13 languages.

It's interesting that historically the natural ground was a part of sitting, sleeping, walking, and running, and the surface of the EARTH may impart an electron charge to animal paws or bare feet. Going barefoot on grass, sand, dirt, or stone might be healthfully conductive.

You might want to read the book now because over a dozen scientific papers have been published by credentialed doctors and researchers on ELECTROSTATICS. Asphalt, vinyl, wood floors, and plastic or rubber soled shoes are NOT healthfully conductive.

One could find many of these studies in the *Journal of Environmental and Public Health* at <http://www.hindawi.com/journals/jep/2012/291541/>

(HEALING OUR WORLD Volume 34 issue 1, "*Earthing Health, Healing, and Recovery Right Under Your Feet*" by Clint Ober, co-author of *Earthing*, available through book vendors)

Making A Difference

To give your home the care it deserves, ask guests to remove their shoes before walking through your home. A trained technician can ensure proper care of tile floor surfaces. If you have been using toxic cleaning products in your home, you could shift your buying habits and use natural products with no harsh ingredients or chemicals. One could budget to have the carpeting and upholstered furniture professionally cleaned every six months, or would it be more useful to have the carpeting removed. You might notice the beautifully clean and functional feeling.

A home warranty provides coverage for breakdowns of home system components, including major appliances, and plumbing. It would be nice for your cooling and heating system to be professionally serviced annually. A yearly check up may help to keep the home vacuum serviced, the air conditioner and heating filters changed for air quality, and lint cleaned from the clothes drier ducts.

For rodent control, caulk any leaks you find in doors and windows, seal cracks and holes outside your home, install a weatherstrip on the bottom of all doors, be sure the door from your garage is sealed extra tight, routinely flush the dishwasher and garbage disposal with baking soda and water, and only bring inside the firewood you need at any one time, because firewood can harbor ants, beetles, centipedes, cockroaches, spiders, and other insects even in cooler months.

(Sources: December 2013, REMEDIES, "*For the Gardener*"; December 26, 2013, OREGON LEGAL JOURNAL, "*New Year's resolutions for your home*"; American Home Shield; www.servicemaster.com; and Terminix)

Manifest Mindfulness

What happens when Science's laboratory GMO/GE spears are traded in for hand trowels to plant native bee-friendly flowers. What happens when pesticides are eliminated and Man stops being in conflict with Nature. For that New Day to come, Man must cease and desist violence toward animals and plants.

Imagine mentally transporting yourself into an unspecified time in the near future when Man has learned to befriend the honeybees, and the pollinators have been attracted back. You may look forward to what encourages the BEST love bugs to stay, and not leave. It's a brave New World that makes migrating butterflies, honeybees, and songbirds delighted. There's a chlorophyll-loving society just around the bend with plant diversity.

The Universe has been waiting for the Industrial complex to realize the purpose for human life on this EARTH, is what *Grandmother Earth* wants. It's a wonderful meditation to notice the word "kind" in Mankind. Where compassion for Mother's plant and animal kinds prevail, there is joy. A world at joy with Nature sets the precedence for World Peace at long last. Seeing EARTH as a living ecosphere empowers positive human change. When we look through the eyes of that Great Mother of us all, we can more fully understand Mankind's place as part of the Gaian Principle.

Planted deeply within the human heart, like a soothing memory just outside of consciousness, in a place beyond time and space, your unconscious mind desires something nourishing for your soul. Come to your senses and awaken the garden sanctuary that resides within the human Spirit. You might notice the feelings of homecoming that accompanies that "Aha" insight tonight in the space between your dreams. Is it Nature inviting you to step over to the side of compassion and enlightenment regarding the *Chlorophyll Kingdom* of the insect and plant world.

Imagine lacing up your hiking boots, peacefully hiking along a verdant trail, or jumping on a bike and riding to a refreshing waterfall to marvel at Nature's glory. You could preserve that option on EARTH for the future generations. Won't it be a shame if climate change is not slowed and solved in this time called Now. Put on your mindfulness and get in the game, for the sake of future generations who want to exist.

Pop Quiz

What is your local utility's electricity surcharge for peak usage?

Fair Use Notice: The *Eco-Community Dialogues* newsletters are intended for educational and informational purposes only. Just in case there's any copywriter material, the use of which material may not have always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner, it is believed that the intention of these newsletters constitutes a "Fair Use" of any copyrighted material as provided for in section 107 of the US Copyright Law. In Accordance with Title 17 U.S.C. Section 107, the *Eco-Community Dialogues* newsletters are distributed without profit to those who have an interest in using the included information for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material in any of the *Eco Community Dialogues* newsletters for purposes of your own that go beyond "Fair Use", you must obtain permission from the copyright owner. The information in the *Eco-Community Dialogues* newsletters does not constitute legal or technical advice.

Nancy Nelson makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of all the information (Content) contained in the *Eco-Community Newsletters*. However, she makes no representations or warranties whatsoever as to the accuracy, completeness, or suitability for any purpose of the Content. Any opinions and views expressed in these newsletters are the opinions and views of the authors, and should be independently verified with primary sources of information. Nancy Nelson shall not be liable for any losses, actions, claims, proceedings, demands, costs, expenses, damages and other liabilities whatsoever or howsoever caused arising directly or indirectly in connection with, in relation to, or arising out of the use of the Content. Any substantial or systematic reproduction, redistribution, selling, loan, licensing, sub-licensing, systematic supply, or distribution in any form to anyone is expressly forbidden. Access and use of these newsletters may be used only for research, teaching, and private study purposes.

This newsletter is not intended to provide medical advice on personal health conditions, nor to replace recommendations made by health professionals.